bled the sparse wild grass and sage

brush, gray and rank, where now the

vast and imposing hotels, the unnum-

bered villas, the orange orchards,

grounds, aye, the proud promoter of

publicity, grace the lovely neighbor

An fragination run riot, striving to

vertisement, too much for envy.

blessed condition.

The expensive minx!

Favored land: Rare Pasadena

year" edition. It is a heartening pic

ture of the stricken city he paints in

misfortune, terrible though it he and

her people will unquestionably rebuild

the city of their pride in a manner

Justifying their faith in its future

with Brother DENNIS doing twice his

share of the work and properly re-

This ruling of the Massachusetts

Women's Committee of the Council

"Any pastry with but a lower crust

Shirtsleeve diplomacy, which used to

ish adoption of American diplomatico

so far made a success of shirttail diplomacy.

Mexican raids continue with occa-

lling of Americans that German sub-

As the Mexican raids have gone on for

them. But, so far as observable, noth-

the world affords, bought at a discoun

is a bond bought at \$52.40 and pay-

able with accrued and compounded in-

MITTENS.

Not Ornamental, Maybe, but a Com-

fort to Frosty Digita.

are easily knitted. Our great-grand-

methere always knitted mittens for the

Besten's Hener to Charlotte Cushman

Beauciero refers to the honors which were conferred upon Charlotte Cushman

at her New York farewell. In Boston

the city of her lifetime, there stands to-day one of the largest grammar schools

city has ever honored one of its leading

Was Gardon Row the Name?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

Ninth ward, that the block of houses on

the west side of Seventh avenue be

New York, January 4.

tween Twelfth and Thirteenth streets

actrasses by such a mark of esteem?

JERSET CITY, N. J., January 4.

M. T. R.

up an indifferent pair.

than the fingers.

would result.

whole family.

NEW YORK, January 4

terest on January 1, 1923.

much longer time than the sub-

sional losses of American life much

of National Defence is open to exami-

cording .its progress.

are adequately and convinc

of Los Angeles, Pasadena!

FORMION RATES. 

If our friends who favor us with mon rigio and Alustrations for publication we have rejected articles returned they mu all cases and clamps for that purpose.

TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200. The President's Message.

The President's message on the Government's taking over the railroads is a clear, straightforward presented and are convinc-His attitude toward the rail- it has been selling. roads and railroad managements is eminently fair. So, too, is what he says about the necessity of maintaining the value of railroad securities, which have been in grave dauger.

THE SUS heartily indorsed the taking over of the railroads by the Government and now heartly indorses the President on his reasons for doing so as set forth in his message of yesterday.

### A Prophecy and a Warning.

This town and its people will thank Mayor HYLAN for his prompt and unequivocal answer to a petitioner who declared to him that "there will be terrible riots if this sort of thing keeps up." The Mayor's reply was:

"Don't let us talk of riots. "There won't be any."

word, or deed.

In the present circumstances calm- outdone them, ness of mind, moderation of statesupreme importance.

pyercome the shortage of fuel.

well as to the serious injury of all

standing of the situation.

this year the Federal Farm Loan Marshal or Grand Joiner. Board explains that these bonds would be resold to investors as the demand for them develops. The ex-

were actually marketed could cer- fought in the Russian army. With tainly never have been disposed of her defection from the Allies cause without the bankers' help, and the the Ukrainlans refused to accept the Farm Loan Board admits the fact, interference in their affairs of the Its aversion to the notion of any Bolshevik Government, and they permanent arrangement with these practically defented the acceptance of houses, or others operating jointly, the German peace terms. They are must be attributed to the general a sturdy, hard headed people, and tendency to fall back upon the Gov- the qualities that led them to fight ernment for all considerable financing on rather than accept such an Ignoble

Whatever may be the abstract objections to such a tendency or the pendence. They never lost sight of objections in practice and in principle that ideal. The result, according to a which would weigh heavily against despatch from Petrograd, is that the dena Rose Festival" this week on it under ordinary conditions, there Government yesterday decided to acseems no doubt that it finds a good knowledge their independence. deal of justification now. The Gov- The fact that there was once a ernment is to finance the railroads Ukraine and that the Ukrainians conby a guarantee of net earnings, pro- stituted a Slavic people as clearly vision for maturing obligations and defined as the Czechs, Bulgarians, such borrowings as may be necessary Poles or Russians, was almost unfor equipment. Farm production, the known to the world until they began raising of vast food supplies, is as their fight for a separate national fundamental for the prosecution of existence. The country, which they ary orange beit health those four the war as adequate transportation. claim as their own and which re- persons, cutting in half the crowd of Foreign capital and a large amount mained a vasual state of Russia since 42,000, there remains enough to satof home capital have been taken from the treaty of Perejaslav in 1684, is listy any director of publicity and to the farm loan field. Why? In the about one and a half times as large fill with amazement and envy a shivfirst place, the Government has been as the present German Empire. borrowing: secondly, railway and industrial securities have offered far the struggles of Mazerra, whose deeds

farm loan system could not have "South Russians" or the "Little Russtarted work at a more unpropitious time so far as showing results is jaks" country are considered.

exhibits a commendable recognition and the Danube delta to the forests administrative obstacles. Individual iron, sait and petroleum. contracts would cause much less de- One of the important considerament allowing them may be asked, state is that Ukraine has been the by the board itself, later. In the great storehouse of Russia, and that meantime a further experiment with from its abundance the Ukrainians the cooperative method is bespoken. have furnished supplies to the really and is probably wise.

The board also recommends to Con checks, meany orders, &c., to be be allowed to operate in more than predominance of Russia in Europe two States, to increase their limit of was separation from her of her bond issues to twenty times their Ukrainian provinces. Ukraine has uncapital stock instead of fifteen, and doubtedly resources within itself suffto raise their interest rate from 6 to cient to make her a self-supporting 61/2 per cent. These and other sug- nation. Should she continue in her gestions respecting lending limits, debt redemption and a change in bond form a strong buffer state between denominations from \$50 to \$40 and Russia and Austria-Hungary, but a from \$25 to \$20 are matters for ex- nation with which Teutonism must pert decision. The attitude of the reckon in the future. board toward a possible test of the constitutionality of the farm loan act is absurd. When it talks about a 'sinister purpose" in securing a de- revision of its passenger service to termination of the act's validity, and meet war conditions by one railroad a "purpose . . . to alarm investors who have already bought bonds. and to dissuade others from buying will be at a premium, for only one them," it talks nonsense. The board should be the first to welcome a proceeding which may throw the strongest legal safeguards about the bonds

#### The Greatest Man in All the Gashouse District.

Assembly districts threw into one district three Democratic statesmen who previously had been leaders in their own principalities: CHARLES F. MURPHY of the Twelfth, MICHAEL J. CRUISE of the Fourteenth and EDWARD F. Boyne of the Sixteenth. Fate and Albany decreed that the three leaderships be combined in the Twelfth. otherwise the Gashouse, district, where MURPHY succeeded EDWARD HAGEN as executive member. Fame of various kinds has come

to the Gashouse triumvirs since the reapportionment. Mr. MURPHY was service is to be curtailed at all. able to persuade a Brooklyn Judge to come to the City Hall at 9 o'clock, or later, every business morning, and rule our fair and colder city. Mr. road administration is sure to stir up Boyrx enloyed the distinction of being the first Tammany leader to be aphardships inflicted on the people of pointed to the Magistrates' bench by New York by the unprecedented con- Mayor Mirchet. It seemed impos- buy seats; they will be irritated beditions created by war and severe sible that the third thirty-three-and- cause luckier folks have been able to winter weather can be made more a-third per cent, leader of the Twelfth. endurable by violence of thought, or Mr. Cause, could outdo the accomalishments of his fellows. But he has

CRUISE is credited with having ment and restraint of conduct are of joined 32,000 persons in the bonds of holy or hasty wedlock in 1917. The Every misguided man and woman fact that only 16.041 marriages were who has sought to obtain coal by way- performed in City Clerk Schuly's oflaying and robbing a delivery cart fice, where Cause is a deputy, is no has by that act made it harder to indication that Cause married less than 16,000 of the couples, but rather Each attempt by an individual to a sign that the odd forty-one pairs of better his own condition at the ex- persons had poor judgment. Michael cars cannot be economically hauled, pense of the general welfare has re- is the ideal marrier. Blond as bright acted to his own disadvantage, as PHERBUS, he radiates hope. Handsomest of the district leaders, including JAMES J. HAGAN, he makes brides There is no reason or excuse for almost forget to say Yes. Fast as a violent words or for violent behavior. machine gun, he goes from "Join The Mayor knows this and he has hands" to "Witnesses sign here" withdone well to make clear his under- out stopping; Caruso has not such

breath control. The ten words uttered by Mayor | Cruse is a patriot. By saying "Nix HYLAN are at once a prophecy and a on the rice!" in a meaning yet melwarning. They prophesy the peace liftuous way he saves ten tons of a law abiding population intends to foodstuffs a year, or enough to make maintain, and they warn the thought- \$40,000 worth of pudding at Broadless to put a guard on their tongues way prices. He deserves a synthetic cookie from Hoover. The instalment furniture dealers should bestow upon The Government and Farm Loans. him the Order of the Orange Blos-In urging Congress to authorize the som. As it is too late to make him Secretary of the Treasury to pur- City Chamberlain, a new office should chase \$100,000,000 of farm loan bonds be created for him, such as Field

# An Independent Ukraine.

periment of selling the bonds half At the outbreak of the war the through a syndicate of bond houses Ukrainlans in Europe and their counand half to the public direct has so trymen spread over the world began far been a notable fallure, but a fail. an agitation for national indepenure which reflects distinguished credit dence. Those of military age who remained in Russia, within which lay The \$30,000,000 of securities which the bulk of their ancient kingdom, peace were the same that kept then steadfast in their struggle for inde-

The name Ukraine was lost after hetter returns on the investment; and and fate are preserved by romance, filled with Joy the boomer of any was known to the neighbors as Garden a third consideration has been liquid- and the fateful battle of Pulrowa. ity of capital. Probably the Federal The people came to be known as the

sions," and in Austria as the "Russan or "Ruthenlans." Roughly concerned, or at a more urgent time traced. Ukraine includes the southwhen the agricultural needs of the ern part of the European plains extending from the Carpathians to the The Farm Loan Board's report | Caucasus, and from the Black See of the highly experimental nature of of the Polissie at the middle course the system of which it is the head, of the Dnieper. Within this boun-It asks another year's trial for the dary lie the immense feetile plains cooperative farm lonn association, or jof southern Russia, "the Black Earth" porrowing group, in spite of some provinces and a land rich in coal

Russian provinces to the north. And it has been held by economists that gress that the Joint stock land banks the way to brenk the overwhelming same sturdy course she will not only

Why One Parlor Car? It is announced that because of the entering New York city a situation will be created under which "chairs purlor car will be carried hereafter on the letter we print elsewhere on this any of its day trains."

page; a picture in which the fortitude and confidence of the people of that With no desire to be captions, w are moved to wonder why the one ingly displayed. The self-reliance of parlor car is to be retained.

Parlor cars are a luxury, in n sense necessary to the public welfare. They are not to be confounded with sleeping cars. They do not belong in the same class with dining cars. They make travel less upplessant than it would otherwise be for those who can afford them, but it is not the nurpose of the railroad administration to make travel pleasant; indeed, it dis- nation : courages all travel except that of necessity. It is therefore difficult to see, if this luxury is to be attacked in the interest of the public-which is a vise method of economizing-why the attack should halt at half or threequarter way measures. The cars should be taken off entirely if the

It must be plain that by running one parlor car to a train which has customarily hauled several the railunnecessary bad feeling. Many of those who are in the habit of riding marines inflicted prior to April 6, 1917. in these luxury cars will be unable to obtain the superior accommodations. They will be more discontented in ordinary day coaches than they would be if everybody fared alike; and the sum of their vexations is worth considering at a time when unruffed tempers constitute an important factor in national life.

Nobody will actually suffer from riding in a day coach. Most Americans never see the inside of a parlot car, and know no more about them than they infer from the mysterious names these vehicles bear. If the all of them should be laid up; but to unnecessary trouble.

# Tunnel? Or Bridge? Or Both?

cold weather has translated the will be project for a bridge over the Hudson or a freight tunnel under the river bed from the category of desirable public improvement to the status of an imperative public necessity.

To-day the question is whether bridge or a tunnel would better serve

the public interest. That problem should be soluble in the accumulated data gathered in many years of discussion of these enterprises, which for a generation have engaged the thoughts of ambitious and imaginative men.

manent relief. It would be cheaper and more quickly constructed, its approaches would not be more difficult to provide, and, thanks to the work of this nature that has already been bors. The thumb is the only digit that Hemisphere. done hereabouts, there is available an adequate force of trained and disciplined engineers to tackle the task

bridge be built, to be supplemented i

later by a tunnel. Nation, States and cities should cooperate in this essential labor. Put the engineers at work now!

# Favored Pasadena.

"Four persons were overcome by heat in the crowd of 42,000 attending the football game during the Pasa-New Year's Day.

Was ever in so brief a news item packed so much delightful reading for icebound Atlantic coasters? Delightful, in spite of the "four persons," because of course they were in the city dedicated to and named for overcome only in the swooning vision this wonderful woman. What other of Pasadena's able press agent.

Surely, restoring to their customring world. There abide a crowd of his cousin, whose father lived in the respectable number and the Rose Festival. The latter alone would have ordinary town. But Pasadena!

In the memory of men still capable

HALIFAX IS RECOVERING. of physically resenting a hint that they are superannuated, cattle valued The City Keeps Up Its Courage Deonly for their hides and jack rabbits spite Disaster. less than valueless grazed and nib-

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUN-Sir: We send under separate cover a copy of the sure will be found of more than usual stances are set forth of waste and ex-

the vine and fig tree, the athletic We have been greatly handicapped in getting out this edition because of the damage done to the Herald building and plant by the great explosion of Decem Hence It is far from the "thing of beauty" we had hoped to produce rival the glorious luxuriance of the midwinter roses themselves, a superand attractive display given to the eagerness for dramatic effect, that special advertisements is an object les touch of the four persons overcome son of how rapidly Hallfax is recovering from the effects of the great disaster by the heat. In that moistureless air four persons are more likely to be ing as usual," and we trust that you overcome by the heat in a club cafe will be personally interested in these than at a football game though the forty pages of matter.

onlookers were twice 42,000. The New Never in its history has Nova Scotia Year's Day roses were enough for adthat of the last three years, and notby the catastrophe which befell our city Though she confined her press agent we have every hope and assurance that to the truth, yet would the generous the expenditure of tens of millions of East take its woolien mitts from its dollars in rebuilding the devastated section, Federal, Provincial and city propsteel blue fingers and applaud her erty, public institutions, &c., and the completion of the great ocean terminals, will vastly add to the prosperity of the "The Century Girl" used up \$720,000 past year and make Hallfax during 1815 busiest city of its population-55,600

on the continent. We send our greetings and go We congratulate Brother DENNIS of wishes for your continued success, and the Hallfax Herold on his refusal to be assure you that anything you can do in downcast because a munition ship alyour newspaper to assist in speedily re most blew his newspaper off the face storing normal conditions in our city of the earth. That awful marine explo will be greatly appreciated by our sion did not render it impossible for citizens. W. H. DENNIS. him to get out his "special end of the HALIFAX, December 31.

#### THE EIGHT ORBITAL POINTS. An Explanation of Man's Respect for New Year's Day.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: 1 almost as futile to join issue with THE SUN as it is to defy the midday equatorial rays of the luminary after which it is named, but I must object to certain statements in your leading editorial article of January 1 entitled "1918," which read:

Under the guidance of heaven ptimism man looks upon the coming of New Year as a liberation from the shackles of the past. He draws fresh strength from the exchange of one numeral for another. lilogical and childish the custom brings comfort and fresh de nation to thousands who have grown weary in the talls of their occupation Chimerical though the relief they obtain So New England has been eating may be, it exercises on troubled minds eneficent influence of priceless worth.

Though mankind in general may not reason for regarding January 1 as business methods. But Russia has not physical turning point, since that date marks a most important point in annual journey of the earth around the sun, being the day on which the earth | Then I feel just as happy as a big sun perihelion and completing its annual elliptical trip starts off again on

resembling the intermittent and casual a new cosmic cycle. The terms "cycle," "ellipse," "revolution." &c., are not perfectly true, since the earth never goes "ground" the sun, as the sun in its flight through space marine attrition it sometimes seems carries the earth along with it, and the orbital journey of the earth, with reis really a spiral curve, not unlike that which is transcribed by the moon about Every war savings stamp is a di- the earth.

So much stress in teaching has been minutive bond of the highest security and marketable in ten days. Instead nox, summer solstice and autumnal equiyou. A war savings certificate filled four other orbital points, equally im with these stamps before February 1 portant, which are perihelion on Jan uary 1, when the earth is nearest the sun: first quadrature on April It is just as if the \$52.40 bond had from the sun, on July 1, and second quarterly coupons attached quadrature, on October 1. for .824 cents each and you were to have annually eight, not rour, important clip these coupons promptly when orbital points.

due, cash them, invest the money at 4 per cent. interest and let it com- full, but the lack of coincidence between retain a few in service is inviting pound itself. Only you might be a bit the winter solstice, "when the sun starts this most popular and lasting of them usually possessed by the American ling, to finance the proposed new careless doing that and the Govern- north," and perihelion, when the earth is nearest the sun, may be explained Manhattan should be heated by tion of the axes of the sun and earth a success as showing the elevation of It is the whole point that he should it is unlikely that any Mexican has The situation created in the coal electricity from plants on the Hacken- to the plane of the coliptic-the sun's the modern song in comparison to the be able to distinguish between what is ever ignorant, would accept any supply of this town by unprecedented sack meadows, and in 1947 perhaps it being inclined about 7 degrees, equalling, old song and dance of other days.

solatitial and perihelion points.

Ancient adjustments of the calendar classing the beginning of the new year on January 1, unpropitious in our laticivilizations of prior days, were made Big Sundower" was written by Bobby this lack of appreciation of the moral trymen are prone to see her in TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN- Sir. What properly in placing the start of the year of our boyhood days-those of us who that the earth actually begins its jour-

intro passed the three score and ten ney "awa period? I tried in vain to find militens perihelion. n New York, and finally a friend in how long your daylight lasts-it ranges Cincinnati friends. . Mittens are much warmer than gloves. from twelve hours at the equator to They haven't the style of a glove, of 2.185 plus hours at the poles. We are ree, but are by no means so clumsy entirely correct in the arbitrary fixation In the opinion of many a tunnel of- as they look. If the use of the fingers of January 1 as the actual New Year's membered by old Englishmen, no doubt fers the greate, possibilities of per- is required for any purpose, the mitten Day, for such it is to Mother Earth. can be slipped off in a fraction of the And if we of the Northern Hemisphere lime necessary to remove a glove, and wonder why it comes in such inclement can be put on again as quickly. The season we may, or may not, console our fingers lie close together and each finger selves by the fact that January 1 is derives some warmth from its neigh- practically inidsummer in the Southern

is isolated, but for some reason the Therefore, dear Sun, January I really thumb can stand the cold much longer does more than change one numeral for another, and the custom of observance Why doesn't some manufacturer pre- of that day has old and deep roots in pare now to put on the market next humanity's subconscious wisdom. Rec-But if a bridge can be built more fall a line of mittens for men, women ords of its holidaying date, in China expeditiously, by all means let a and children, especially children? If well back to 2500 B. C. You will find the advertised and their superiority to Sun Festival in some form or other, and gioves in warmth pointed out large sales varying in date, probably due to variations in ancient national calendars. wearing gloves who could get mittens, please apologize to good old Mother.

The present generation knows nothing Earth for calling the celebration of her about them—many never saw one. They great day "illogical and childish." great day "illogical and childish." FAIRVAX NAULTY.

NEW YORK, January 3. The Friendly End. Piuto boasted of Cerberus.

# "We prefer a dog with one head and three talls to wag," we objected.

Brethren. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one on the least of these My prethren, ye have an enthusiastic reader of your paper, lone it unto Me."

I venture to ask if information which

Huddled in the leafless trees. Storm swept and forlorn For what of any food is there When the sheeted white

Of the snows is laid above Yet I knew one window ledge Where, in direct need,

Little winged souls may find And when breaks the cold white day, Comes a twittering sound
Where the sparrows chirp "Reeray.

See what we have found

A NATIONAL BUDGET. Representative Frear Moves for In

telligent Financial Legislation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! No. tional legislative waste reaches hundreds End of the Year" edition of the Hallfax of millions of dollars annually, according Herold containing articles that we are to ex-Senator Aldrich, and specific it

> of appropriation committees Fifty countries have a budget system for appropriating public moneys, while strong public men. including the President, ex-President Taft, students of pub lie finance and national party platform unanimously urge such system; yet Congress ignores the Executive's request repudiates party platforms and rejects efficient legislative methods that have been adopted by practically every counry in the world.

> During the last two sessions, awakned public sentiment has made possible the modification or defeat of several wasteful river and harbor and publibuilding bills, with an estimated saving of over \$100,000,000, although the sav public money was a minor feature of good results accomplished.

The passage of Resolution 178, set forth in my speech of December 14 and now pending before the Rules Committee, provides means for a budget system which would permanently relieve heavily waste and extravagance.

"This is the most needed reform Co gress can adopt." to use the words of ex-Chairman Fitzgerald, and it can be J. A. PREAR, M. C. sentiment.

#### AN OLD MINSTREL SONG. With Your Kind Permission Mr. Em erson Will Now Oblige.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUY! I never heard Bobby Newcombe sing the ereon was the only singer of it, to my knowledge. He sang it with Haverly's Minstrels, at Niblo's Garden, I think. Doof German intrigue. Perhaps nothing

There is a charm I can't explain about a girl I've seen.

my heart beats fast as she goes past in its power. A long course of such in a dark dress trimmed with green, enervating reading is a real danger. Her eyes are bright as evening stars, so which Germany is not slow to explo and the folks all stop and look around truth to be extracted from the popuwhenever she goes by.

like share in the alarmist views of those days passed on and we became friends of olden time. writers who periodically try to make I thought the question I would pop the American public's flesh creep with sensational stories concerning German And the answer I received next day-how could she treat me so Instead of being mine for life, why, she

I went next day dressed in my best had shaken me. be aware of it, there is a very practical she said she really felt quite sad to have

caused such distress, when I said. "Won't you be mine?" why of course she answered "Yes."

That nods and bends in the breezes And my heart is as light as the wind that blow. The leaves from off the treeses

AN OLD ADMIRER. NEW YORK, January 3.

## The Dance and the Ditty

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The urds of Bobby Newcombe's song and dance may be of some consolation to for them, but the dance was as imas either the song or the charus that accompanied the dance was necu-

liarly happy. Across the way from the San Francisco Minstrels at Niblo's Garden Lisa Weber was singing and dancing in "The this popular music of "The Big Sunflower" set to other words.

New York was a primitive place when

As a curiosity at least the reproducroughly by the variation in the inclina- tion as a phonograph record should be

JOHN P. DAVIN, M. D. NEW YORK, January 3.

#### Billy Emerson's Ballad. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "The

Newcombe for Billy Emerson about 1867 has become of the old fashioned mittens on January 1, since it is on that day or 1868. It was sung by Billy Emerson, d the three score and ten ney "away" from the sun, or toward Wood's Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohlo. The sheet music shows a picture in gestions. Vicinage often limits our grasp of contume of Billy Emerson with the med-Boston, after much searching, picked things. It depends on where you live als presented to him by St. Louis and

The song is adapted from an old English song called "I'm as Happy as a Little Cock Sparrow." It will be reas a music hall ditty. FRANK DUMONT.

# PHILADELPHIA, Junuary 3.

# Bobby Newcombo's Career.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: FOR he wrote all the songs and dances he disproof of the facts I set forth, ducing for many other performers, not- points in corroboration. First, the proably the 'Big Sunflower' for Billy Emer-

HOMATIO G. COMMENS. NEW YORK, January 3.

#### The Red Cross Supply of Knitted Articles.

popularity of that great artist."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET! AS I venture to ask if information which as it was immediately following that silk. Clothing sewed with coll has reached me from various sources is memorable occasion in 1865, child need continuous repair, as course team correct, that the Red Cross is confining its efforts to supplying helmets, muffers, of Lincoln's death was coincident with | It seems to me our box " wristlets, sweaters, and so forth, to the that of my mother, and I have always enough to do in the treaches without National Army, and is doing nothing for associated the two events in my mind. having to stop every new and the transfer of the stop every new and the transfer of the stop every new and the stop every new an the Regular Army? If so, why?

It occurs to me that the boys in the President's obsequies with any similar casely be avoided. I believe the difference in cost is only about those case. readily supplied with these articles by

Regular Army. SEEKER AFTER PACTS. NEW ROCHELLE, January 4

Knicker - How much cent have you"

Bocker-A solitaire and several brill-

# TRUE PERSPECTIVE OF GERMAN PROP. AGANDA IN MEXICO.

Mexicans Assert That the United States Misunderstands Them and Their Government Is Not Unduly Subject to German Influence

the internal affairs of Mexico.

in a novel of Mexican life.

to trace every catastrophe to German

example, is a case in point. Some

writers attributed the event to German

een caught. To an entirely phieg-

matic reader it seems pure childishness

to assume that everything in nature -

birds of the air-are obedient agents

on the part of the Allies could be more

effectual in helping such a combina-

tion into life than an all round belief

by every machination. This is the

The Germans naturally have turned

their own advantage. Their propa-

ganda has been actively carried on in

the South American and Spanish press

since 1914. Bearing in mind that these

anguage, it may be useful to touch

erate in Germany's favor as factors

n Mexican opinion. One of these fac-

croakers ready to put the wors

Nature and political

regards the Mexicans or their leaders pays the duty.

pro-German.

lar report. It is an utter mistake

The Halifax explosion, for

As war propaganda is the only to verify his facts. Thus in a recent weapon the Germans have left in neupetroleum is discussed. If there is one ral countries, it is important to have some idea of its working. In Mexico international subject which it and other Latin States its organization sirable to state with precision it is this s carried on under a veil which daily question of oil. Otherwise the discussion is likely to cause not enlightenrows thicker. Still it would be desirble to penetrate this shadow is only ment but international mischief, which comes from imperfect judgment of the to achieve a businesslike estimate of

Mexico produces one-third of the It is unfortunate but true that to the average American the attitude of Mexicans to German propaganda is shrouded in haziness. The most salient duces not more than 2.4 per cent. to which may be added 0.4 per cent. from shale distillation. Of this 2.8 per cent, Americans have usually failed to grasp nearly 2 per cent. comes from India political problems in South America These are the facts as just stated in As a rule any one reading some of the interesting attempts to write about London by Professor J. S. S. Brame before the Ministry of Munitions. Now. Mexico will not realize, unless he is iso a reader of the Spanish press, inquires El Economista, how are they dealt with by the writer in the World's hat the picture is often overdrawn Work? The answer is, without an ex-What the pro-Ally South American Constitution and of the decree. appeals to the crude misunderstand World's Work it is stated: "In June sists, as might be expected, in a series the companies were paying a net tax on fuel of 17 cents American currency of film pictures of what might happen In the interests of this country it are the facts?

The decree which was in force during the saked seriously: Is it wise might be asked seriously: Is it wise

ing May and June distinctly provided that the tax should be at the rate of 10 per cent. ad valorem on all en spies, and it was reported that a cording to density. The prices of the pigeon with a message in German had three grades ranged from \$5 to \$11 ton, the values stipulated being in fact, \$5, \$8.50 and \$11 a ton. thus varied from 50 cents to \$1.10 is Mexican money, or about haif as much in American currency. Taking the proportion of the various grades of ou shipped, it is found that the tax is approximately eight cents a barrel in stead of seventeen cents, as alleged Lawyers point out that there can be no nationalization or confiscation the property of the oil companies. A cording to Article IV. of the Constitu tion. "No law shall be given retroative effect to the prejudice of any per son whatsoever.

A study of the headlines of the Mexican papers Excelsior and El Demecrata will show what a puzzling affair propaganda is. The American newspapers inform their readers that Ger man spies are sufficiently organized to threaten the existence of the oil fields and to promote a confiscatory tax or is something quite different. These reports from New York are stigmatized in the headlines as "Inform falso de un periodista Norteamer This is a frequent legend for Mexican readers. According to Mextors is the assertion so often printed can papers the American press is mis that many enlightened Mexicans are led. The oil tax is a means of reve nue. It is a duty of \$1.55 and \$1.47 events have here played into Ger- or 77 and 71 cents American mone many's hands in a singular way. As on a ton. The exporter, it is true

The business of uncritical statement

of facts goes on. A recent instance exact. The publication of it in many forms is looked upon by Mexicans generally as a breach of tact. The aver- finance secretary in Carranga's Government age fair minded man who reads the ernment. Mexican papers will feel that if there York that the United States had go is Germanophile propaganda in Mex- its "moral indorsement" to the preposed Mexican loan. ico it is partly due to writers inclined posed Mexican loan. The story not to exaggerate the evil they see, or regarded by the Statist as improbable since the United States is too deep terpretation on every symptom. Much engaged in European affairs. The bar-error of this kind is due to ignorance facts, as reported in the Mexical of the Spanish language. Latin na- papers, are interesting in two ways tions in particular suffer from the They show, in the first place that the lack of adequate knowledge of their gold reserve in Mexico has increased and that the reserve is now equal ! often misunderstood through an er- There would be a kind of business f roneous interpretation of forms of ness in stating the fact accurately ye linguistic expression. The Germans it has been almost entirely overlooks have the advantage here, for their As to the loan, the Mexican Senate agents are usually well up in Spanish, passed a bill authorizing songs as whereas the knowledge of the language 100,000,000 peros, or 110,000,000 see business man is often entirely in- ernment bank, the Banco Unico Emis sufficient for his purpose, which should sione. As its name implies, it has the be the critical study of the country, sole authority to issue hank notes and German intrigue and what is the else as legal tender.

To lack the critical sense to indifferent to practical consequences quences are confusing. Excepting to be wholly intelligible to Yankee few Americans better accurated ment, which is characteristically too tainly a grave defect. common sense or sense of humor. The Mexico, or westisposed to read in temperament more clearly, our conand instinctive elements in the Mexi- curious light. Other Latin countre can people. They assert that the real now neutral, are viewed in much the intentions of the public mind are with- same way. It is one of the effect of the world war that a considerable number of Americans have lost the ability to see clearly. As a sympto it is assuredly not unimportant way to understand the encouragement by the Economista, a serious journal it gives to German propaganda in enough. Certainly one of the worst South America is to study the Spanish faults a writer can have is the failure newspapers with some attention

# AT LINCOLN'S FUNERAL.

screen of Spanish or national tempera-

out Germanophile influences or sug-

hension of how Americans can uncon-

sciously play Germany's game is given

## Mr. Dumas Unconvinced That There Was No Cheering.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SW: The the noteworthy stages in Bobby New- letter of Mr. Timothy Hart Roberts in combe's career from the earliest record THE SUN of January 1, quoting from of his professional appearance in 1856 to Mr. David T. Valentine's account of the his death in Tacoma, Wash., June 1. obsequies of Abraham Lincoln in the peal for confirmation of my stery with 1888, Edward Le Roy Rice's book encity of New York and offered seemingly titled "Monarchs of Minetreley From in refutation of my statement that a Daddy Rice to Date," 1911, may be con- troop of cavalrymen classed their sabres sulted. It may be of interest to quote in the air at a given command and the following at the beginning of the simultaneously emitted a deafening cheer data there given: "Bobby Newcombe while the cortege was halted for a few (Robert Hughes) stood alone in his par- moments in the vicinity of Broadway ticular line in minstrelsy, inasmuch as and Prince street, fails to present any executed so admirably, as well as pro- | On the contrary, it contains several

cession passed up Broadway; second, a son, which did so much to establish the troop of cavalry followed the catafalque; third, the demeanor of the participants, as well as that of the spectators, was, as I have described it, pleased to learn why clothing hushed and mournful, and it was this were changed some two months and more than anything else that made the as to allow uniforms to be seen action of the troopers so difficult to ac- cotton thread instead of sile.

As to my recollection of the occur- so strong as silk, it is not class to rence, it remains quite as vivid to-day will not stand exposure to weather though I was at the time, for the date will soon rip. funeral I witnessed was that of Horace a suit.

Greeley, which took place seven years While on the train a week are long to relatives and friends than those in the Greeley, which took place seven years and reven menths later, and this I recall heard a conversation between these with equal distinctness, for it was on in khakl, and two of them uses that occasion that I saw General Grant, plaining about their new suits supply then President, for the first and only while the third one was being time. The President was in an open trouble. It developed that two fe carriage with other distinguished men. were sewed with cotton and the While I do not presume to question with silk. the accuracy of Mr. Valentine's descrip- New York, January 4

tion, it is obvious that he could not ha been present at every point along the line of march while the procession wa passing, and he probably never hear of the incident I have narrated to the relative who took me to see the fine's and the proprietor of the establishme in front of which I was seared a rela-I have told to many persons, and it as the hope that some reader of THE ST would be able to explain the " stance that led me to write a

# WAS SILK DISCARDED

BROOKLIN, January 4.

#### An Allegation of Undesirable Changes in Soldiers' Uniform

CHARLES J. IN HAT

To the Porton or The Sex fore the investigating contri through examining the Quarternalist Department in Washington I am well known fact that cotton is not real